



## The Bio

This is our story and we're sticking to it....

SHOTGUN is a hard driving, high energy rock and roll band reminiscent of the great arena rock bands of the 60s, 70s and 80s, but with a modern edge. SHOTGUN specializes in the hard rockin' classics with all of the musicianship found in the original recordings. With over 30 cover songs in our repertoire, and new originals just completed, SHOTGUN is sure to please wherever they play. See our website at [www.shotguntheband.com](http://www.shotguntheband.com) for more band info.

Formed in early 2005, SHOTGUN began as a trio when former bandmates bassist Kevin Dotzler and guitarist Chris Fonzo hooked up with drummer Tim Higby and began plotting to take over the San Diego music scene (or at a minimum play a few backyard parties). But alas, the band was incomplete until early 2006 when Kent Crandall, fresh from a 15 month deployment in Iraq as an Army Reservist, was persuaded (forced?) to join the group as lead vocalist, providing the final piece in the hard rock juggernaut now known as SHOTGUN.

But alas again!! Fast forward to May of 2008, and Kent is being called back to active duty for another tour of Iraq. Enter Randall Gifford, a veteran vocalist/bass/guitar player/recording engineer extraordinaire. Randy agrees to join SHOTGUN as lead vocalist/rhythm guitar player in Kent's absence, and we're off and running again!

While SHOTGUN is a down and dirty rock and roll band, it's not all about sex, drugs and rock and roll for us; we take the music and the show seriously. SHOTGUN also takes pride in conducting business in a professional manner, always showing up on time and delivering the goods!

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## Randall Gifford: Lead Vocals, Rhythm Guitar



**The Fam:** Married with two children

**The Hood:** Grew up in Seattle and Spokane, WA. North County San Diego since 87'.

**The Experience:** Started with piano at 7, picked up bass and guitar at 17, singing all along the way. Played and sang in many bands ranging from folk to hard rock over the years.

**The Influences:** Blue Öyster Cult, Rush, King Crimson, King's X, Black Sabbath, Porcupine Tree...

**Odds n' Ends:** Also enjoy rock climbing, bicycling and hiking with the family.

## Kevin Dotzler: Bass Guitar, Vocals



**The Fam:** Married with four children

**The Hood:** Grew up in the depths of Long Island NY

**The Experience:** Played in local bands in high school & college. Worked stage shows (sound & lights) for various touring bands at local venues.

**The Influences:** Iron Maiden, Billy Sheehan, various other influences characterized by elders (is that us now?) as "noise"

**Anything else??:** Slightly above average electronics engineer, no time for other hobbies (see that previous thing about four kids)

## Tim Higby: Drums, Vocals



**The Fam:** Married with two children

**The Hood:** Grew up in Chicago, IL

**The Experience:** Started playing drums at age 12

**The Influences:** Beatles, Deep Purple, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, Buddy Rich, Billy Cobham, Dave Weckyl and John Bonham are only but a few

**Yeah, Yeah, Yeah...:** My main hobby is music, although I also enjoy running, swimming and bicycling

## Chris Fonzo: Lead Guitar, Vocals



**The Fam:** Married with two boys

**The Hood:** North county native, Encinitas baby!

**The Experience:** 17 years experience playing guitar, music fanatic since age 8 when I discovered the second Van Halen record

**The Influences:** Edward Van Halen, Randy Rhoads, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Joe Satriani, Eric Johnson, Neil Schon, Jeff Beck, Led Zeppelin, to name a few....

**Are we done yet??:** I won't bore you with anything more!!!!